

DOCKET NO: 242567US0CONT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
GERD JONAS, ET AL. :
SERIAL NO: 10/656,179 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1712
FOR: ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD :
OF PRODUCING THEM AND THEIR USE :

PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to invoke supervisory authority in this application and to rescind the order to provide the Oath or Declaration since a properly executed Declaration was filed with this application on September 8, 2003. The facts of this case are as follows.

This application was filed on September 8, 2003, and, at that time, the properly executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition was filed. Copies of the Declaration, together with the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing of same, are enclosed.

A Notification To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) was mailed in this application on November 28, 2003, requesting the filing of a Declaration and a Late oath or declaration Surcharge. A copy of the Notification is

Application No. 10/656,179
Reply to Office Action of: November 28, 2003

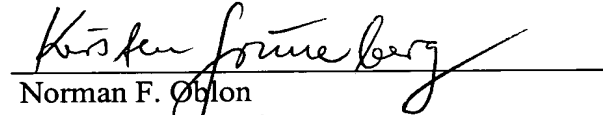
enclosed herewith. However, since the executed Declaration was timely filed it does not have to be filed again and payment of the Surcharge is not necessary.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to invoke supervisory authority in this application and to rescind the order to provide the Oath or Declaration and a Surcharge.

An early and favorable indication of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman F. Oblon", is written over a horizontal line.

Norman F. Oblon
Attorney of Record
Registration No.: 24,618

Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 08/03)

Kirsten Grüneberg, Ph.D.
Registration No.: 47,297



Docket No.: 242567US0CONT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/656,179
Applicants: Gerd JONAS, et al.
Filing Date: September 8, 2003
For: ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD OF PRODUCING
THEM AND THEIR USE
Group Art Unit: 1712
Examiner:

SIR:

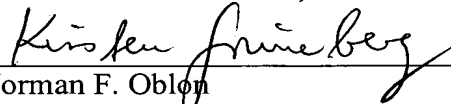
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition to the Commissioner Under 37 CFR 1.181; Copy of Date-Stamped Filing Receipt of September 8, 2003; Copy of Declaration (Executed 3pp.); Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Norman F. Oblon

Registration No. 24,618

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Kirsten A. Grüneberg, Ph.D.
Registration No. 47,297



OSMM&N File No. 242567US0CONT

Dept.: CHEMICAL

By: NFO/KAG/lcd

Serial No. New Application

In the matter of the Application of: Gerd JONAS, et al.

For: ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD OF PRODUCING THEM AND THEIR USE

Due Date: September 8, 2003

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Check for \$1,030.00
- Dep. Acct. Order Form
- 49 pp. Specification 21 Claims/Drawings 0 Sheets and 3 pp. Application Data Sheet
- Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 3 Pages
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal
- Request for Priority
- Copy of Form PCT/IB/304
- Fee Transmittal Form
- Preliminary Amendment
- White Advance Serial Number Card

